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H. RES. 627

Honoring the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard of the State of Washington, including the 81st Brigade Combat Team (Heavy) of the Washington Army National Guard.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. REICHERT, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. INSLEE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Honoring the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard of the State of Washington, including the 81st Brigade Combat Team (Heavy) of the Washington Army National Guard.

Whereas the members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard of the State of Washington reside throughout the State and come from various communities, backgrounds, and professions;

Whereas units and members of the Washington National Guard have been deployed, and are continuously being deployed, in support of United States military operations at home and overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, and dozens of other countries;

Whereas one such unit, the 81st Brigade Combat Team (Heavy) of the Washington Army National Guard, is composed of approximately 2,478 citizen-soldiers from throughout the State of Washington, supplemented with an additional 843 soldiers from the California Army National Guard, 80 soldiers from the Texas Army National Guard, and 12 soldiers from the Montana Army National Guard;

Whereas the 81st Brigade Combat Team was placed on Federal active duty for a second overseas mobilization on August 18, 2008, and deployed to Iraq in October 2008;

Whereas, during the deployment of the 81st Brigade Combat Team in Iraq, the brigade was primarily engaged in convoy security, force protection, provincial reconstruction, and base operations missions; and

Whereas the 81st Brigade Combat Team returned to the United States and demobilized in August 2009, upon completion of one year of service in support of military operations in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its gratitude to the members of
3 the Army National Guard and Air National Guard
4 of the State of Washington and their families for
5 their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United
6 States;

7 (2) commends the members of the 81st Brigade
8 Combat Team (Heavy) of the Washington Army Na-
9 tional Guard on the completion of their most-recent
10 deployment to Iraq; and

1 (3) recognizes the achievements of the members
2 of the 81st Brigade Combat Team, and all other for-
3 merly and presently deployed Washington Army and
4 Air National Guard units and members, for their ex-
5 emplary service.

